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SUBJECT: MEMBERSHIP IN UNESCO REGIONAL GROUPS

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1. DEP PERM REP CALLED ON PERM REPS OF CANADA, AUSTRALIA AND  
NEW ZEALAND ON AUG 28 TO OBTAIN VIEWS ON REGIONAL INVITATIONS  
ISSUE AT 93RD EXBD. FOLLOWING IS SUMMATION OF THEIR VIEWS  
FOLLOWING PRECISELY PARAS OF REF A:

PARA 1. A. CANADA, AUSTRALIA AND NEW ZEALAND AGREED IN  
PRINCIPLE ON DESIRABILITY OF OUR FOUR COUNTRIES ADOPTING UNIFIED  
POSITIONS BOTH ON FRENCH PROPOSAL TO DELETE ITEM 4.2 FROM AGENDA  
AND ON BASIC QUESTION OF WHETHER WE FOUR SHOULD REQUEST INVITATIONS  
AS FULL VOTING MEMBERS TO BUCHAREST AND JAKARTA CONFERENCES.  
COUNTRY BY COUNTRY VIEWS ON PRECISE QUESTION FOLLOW: CANADA  
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NOW LESS FIRM THAN PREVIOUSLY REPORTED ABOUT SEEKING INVITATION

AS FULL VOTING MEMBER AT BUCHAREST CONF; AUSTRALIA FIRMLY OPPOSED TO SEEKING SUCH INVITATION TO JAKARTA; NEW ZEALAND EQUALLY FIRMLY WOULD LIKE SUCH AN INVITATION. NEW ZEALAND, IN FACT, APPARENTLY ABOUT PREPARED TO GO IT ALONE IF AUSTRALIA DOES NOT AGREE TO GO ALONG. ALTHOUGH NEW ZEALAND RECOGNIZES STRENGTH OF UNIFIED POSITION, NEW ZEALAND REP NEVERTHELESS FELT THAT EVEN PARTIAL IMPLEMENTATION OF DECISION OF 92ND EXBD WOULD BE USEFUL FOR OUR JOINT CAUSE AT 18TH GC. ALL THREE AGREED THAT US, CANADIAN BOARD MEMBERS SHOULD OPPOSE FRENCH MOVE TO DELETE ITEM 4.2 FROM AGENDA, ISSUE WHICH WILL ARISE FIRST HOUR OF OPENING DAY PLENARY OF 93RD EXBD.

B. ALL THREE REJECT FRENCH ARGUMENT THAT ONLY GC COMPETENT TO DISCUSS REGIONAL MEMBERSHIP MATTER.

C. NONE HAD COMMENT ON OUR POSITION.

D. ALL AGREED FRENCH WILL VIGOROUSLY OPPOSE ANY US BID FOR FULL VOTING STATUS AT BUCHAREST CONF.

E. NONE FELT ISRAELI DECISION WOULD WORK AGAINST US- CANDIAN REQUEST FOR BUCHAREST INVITATION AS NOTHING WILL FURTHER INCREASE FRENCH OPPOSITION TO US AND OPPOSITION NOT LIKELY TO BE VOCIFEROUS FROM ANY OTHER QUARTER.

F. CANADIANS LEAN TOWARD OUR VIEW; AUSTRALIANS COMPLETELY AGREE; NEW ZEALAND NOT CONCERNED RE US APPLICATION FOR BUCHAREST, BUT IS PRESENTLY PLANNING TO REQUEST FULL VOTING STATUS FOR JAKARTA.

G. ALL THREE AGREED ISRAEL'S CHANCES FOR ADMISSION TO EUROPEAN REGION GOOD. CANADIAN PERM REP APPARENTLY PREPARED TO RECOMMEND POSITIVE VOTE ON THIS QUESTION AT 93RD EXBD.

PARA 2. ALL THREE AGREED THAT ANY STATEMENT ON OUR POSITION RE BUCHAREST DURING CONSIDERATION OF ITEM 4.2 WOULD RESULT IN FRENCH REACTION. AUSTRALIAN FAVORED SILENCE.  
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